

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. I do not feel that this use of the public domain by a media conglomerate is serving the public interest. It is increasingly evident that the large companies are controlling the airwaves. We are getting more of what's good for the bottom line or a particular political agenda and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we receive fair and unbiased news from all sources, especially the local affiliates.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.